

# Greenbelt News Review

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## GHI Board Again Considers Sales Office in Twin Pines

by AL SKOLNIK

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors voted unanimously at last Thursday's special meeting not to open a sales and service office in the center in the vacant store formerly occupied by High's. Instead, the board requested management to explore the possibility and cost of subletting space from the Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association office in the center, with provisions made for separate entrance quarters.

Thus, the board has made an almost complete turnabout to return to the position it adopted last spring before the elections, but with this difference. The original arrangement called for GHI to share space with Twin Pines, and even to use Twin Pines personnel for providing information to prospective customers, whereas GHI is now seeking a complete divorce from Twin Pines.

It was this sharing of an office with a lending agency that led newly-elected members of the board to suggest moving into a separate office -- a decision which the board made at its July 13 meeting and which has now been reversed.

Director Harry Zubkoff, who led the fight for moving into the space formerly occupied by High's, made the motion to cancel the move and to have management explore the possibility of renting space from Twin Pines on a closed-off basis.

Zubkoff emphasized that his efforts to have the board reconsider its pre-election decision to move into Twin Pines were primarily based on doubts as to the propriety of sharing an office with a lending agency. "Since management is convinced that it is

not economically feasible to operate a completely separate office and foresees no ways to effect economies," said Zubkoff, "it only behooves us to seek other alternatives such as separate quarters within Twin Pines."

The motion calls for management to come up with detailed estimates of what it would cost to renovate and to provide the necessary staffing and equipment for a closed-off office, completely divorced from Twin Pines operations. One proposal for keeping costs down was to keep the office open on a part-time basis.

"If we had had similar cost information on hand at the time the board was considering moving into the space formerly occupied by High's," Zubkoff stated, "we would have saved ourselves a lot of time and trouble." One of the difficulties encountered by the board as an aftermath of these reversals of decisions was Twin Pines insistence that GHI had made a commitment to sublease.

## Police News

Two bicycles were reported stolen from the Lakewood area recently but have been recovered as the result of the alertness of two young Greenbelt youths, John Simkins, and Jim Leckliter, both 14 and both residents of 16 Ridge. While down by the lake, they spotted the bikes in the lake, recovered them, and brought them to the police office to report their discovery. A license had been torn off, a basket bent and a peddle broken off. Police were appreciative of the boy's efforts.

Also at the lake recently, two juveniles and two adults were caught swimming. The adults were charged with swimming in the lake which is in violation of a city ordinance.

A battery was reported stolen from a car parked in 23 court of Ridge two weeks ago. Also reported missing that week were tail-lights, (a second time) from, an auto in 17 Ridge. Apples being recklessly thrown were the possible causes for a broken windshield on a car parked at 39 Ridge and a broken rear window on a car parked at 27 Ridge. Both complaints were made to police on a Sunday morning.

A resident of Northway reported to police that an unfamiliar car had been parked on Northway for quite a while and asked police to check. Upon investigation, it was discovered that the auto had been stolen a few months ago from a resident of College Park.

## Voting Rules Set

By merely writing a letter of request, any Greenbelt resident who is registered to vote in the city election on September 19, and who will be unable to vote in person, may vote by absentee ballot. The letter, which should be addressed to the city clerk, Mrs. Winfield McCamy, must include the writer's reason for being unable to vote at the polling place--such as being out of town or being confined to bed with illness. Those voters whose requests are authorized will be mailed an absentee ballot, which they may fill out immediately, if they so desire. All requests must reach Mrs. McCamy by September 13, three days prior to the election.

For those who will vote in person, the polling place--in the municipal swimming pool building--will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The latest unofficial tally of registered voters indicates that 1,473 Greenbelt citizens are eligible. Voting this year will be done by machine.

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## Council Hears New I-1 Proposal, Approves Pay Increase for City

by RUSSELL GREENBAUM

The city council in a special meeting last Thursday heard a new proposal from Martin and Solomon Associates which would grant the city control over the use of the controversial eight-acre strip of land between Kenilworth Blvd. and Edmonston Rd. The council at its previous meeting had refused by a 3-2 vote to approve a request to rezone the land to I-1 (light industry) because the city would have no control over its use.

## Candidates Speak At Open Meeting

City council candidates will give their views and answer questions at a Lions Club-sponsored open meeting at the Youth Center 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, September 12. The meeting, a long-standing tradition in Greenbelt permits the 8 candidates to give their platforms and state their views on problems in the community. The News Review platform is expected to receive the most attention during the campaign speeches, but other problems not touched on by the newspaper are expected to be discussed.

Each candidate will be allowed 5 minutes to speak, after which a question and answer period will be held. Chairman of the meeting will be former mayor, Jim Wolfe.

Martin and Solomon had informed the council that they plan to erect an attractive electronics plant and lease it to Entron, Inc., a Hyattsville electronics manufacturer. The city did not object to this but felt that the granting of I-1 zoning could conceivably open the door to a less desirable type of plant or business.

Under the new proposal there would be a covenant set up which would give the city the right of approval before construction begins. The city would also have the right to prohibit Martin and Solomon from using the land for any business "offensive, noxious or detrimental to the use of land in the vicinity of the parcel." This is intended to reassure planners of the large apartment development soon to be erected behind the junior high school.

The council turned the proposal over to the city solicitor to study what legal arrangements could be worked out. Following a report from the solicitor, the council will consider further action. The final decision on rezoning the parcel of land to I-1 is now in the hands of the county Commissioners who have the matter under advisement.

## PAY INCREASE

The council also gave its informal approval to a proposal of City Manager Charles McDonald which would provide city employees with a cost-of-living pay increase of about \$250, effective September 1. The proposal will be reviewed by the city's personnel committee prior to final action by the council, which is expected at its next meeting on September 11.

McDonald's plan calls for adding two steps to the structure of all city grades and then advancing all employees up two steps. Each step is the equivalent of about \$125 so that the average raise would amount to \$250. This figure is about six percent of the average city paycheck, which is a little more than \$4,000. The total cost of the pay raise to the city will be about \$10,000.

Although deferring to the personnel committee for a study of the technical details of the proposal, the council indicated that it was firmly committing itself to granting a cost-of-living pay raise, which it felt is long overdue.

## HEAR THE CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS

All Citizens Are Invited to the Annual  
Election Open Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Youth Center

8:15 P.M.

Sponsored By the Greenbelt Lions Club

As A Public Service

## Festival Queen on TV

Miss Dianne Shegogue, representing the Greenbelt Little League, won the annual Festival popularity contest for the title of Queen of the Festival. Runners-up for the title of Festival Princesses were Miss Ann Hartman, representing the American Legion Auxiliary, and Miss Barbara Brabaker, representing the Lions Club.

The queen and her two princesses will appear on television on Channel 13, Baltimore, this Friday at 7:45 a.m. in a

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

for

GHI MEMBERS

to discuss the proposed Housing for the Elderly Program

Wednesday - Sept. 13th

8:00 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Church Basement

This is to be an informal information and question and answer type meeting. U.S. Government authorities have been invited: Mr. Sidney Spector, Asst. Administrator, Housing for Elderly, HHFA, and Mr. Kenneth Cavanaugh, Director, Elderly Housing Community Facilities Administration.

Refreshments

Elderly Housing Advisory Committee

## Agenda

REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
GREENBELT, MARYLAND  
SEPTEMBER 11, 1961

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Open Bids for Smooth Seal Road Surfacing
4. Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting, August 14. Minutes of Special Meeting, August 17. Minutes of Special Meeting, August 31.
5. Petitions and Requests
6. Written Communications
7. Manager's Progress Report
8. Consider Youth Center Rates
9. Appoint Member to fill Vacancy on Advisory Planning Board
10. Resolution - Second Reading - Amend Charter for Advisory Planning Board
11. Ordinance - Second Reading - Youth Center Replacement Fund
12. Ordinance - Second Reading - Amend Traffic Regulations
13. Resolution - Transfer Funds from Other Miscellaneous
14. Ordinance - Authorize Payment for Advertising for Bids
15. Ordinance - To Provide Two Steps in Salary Classification
16. Ordinance - To Provide for Salary Increase
17. Miscellaneous



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## "Thoroughly Disagree"

### TO THE EDITOR:

I thoroughly disagree with the Election Platform you offered the City of Greenbelt in the last issue of the News Review. You "viewed with alarm efforts to cut the services (and consequently taxes) to the bone in an attempt to attract outside industry and homebuilders", and described such attempts as "short-sighted and ill-advised". I contend that your platform is "Short-sighted and ill-advised". Your platform fails miserably to provide the necessary planning to insure Greenbelt's future.

Let us look at Greenbelt fifteen to twenty years from now. Forty percent of the city will be composed of forty year old frame houses whose condition will probably rival some of the one hundred year old dwellings in southeast Washington. But Greenbelt will still have a high tax rate, and will have grown in the same proportion as it has in the last fifteen years (which is practically nothing compared to other progressive cities).

But is the basic problem facing this city one of reducing taxes? I don't believe so. The basic problem is to realize that the housing in Greenbelt is comparable to no other city in the State. A majority of our homes are valued at a much lower price than those in other cities. In essence, in the area of taxation "WE ARE A POOR COMMUNITY" yet our services rate among the highest. Who are we kidding? Most everyone favors all of these services, but can we afford them? So what is the answer - cutting taxes? Yes, I believe this should be one goal. But it is only a by-product of an entire program. I believe that the city should adopt the following two-point program.

1. REDEVELOPMENT - The City together with GHI should provide a sound redevelopment program. I am not talking about reconstructing the frame houses, but a long range program with the objective of replacing the present frame houses with free-standing homes in the 14 to 19 thousand dollar range. This will not only prevent deterioration of the community as a whole, but will tend to solve the basic problem by increasing the overall tax base and thus we will no longer be, by tax standards, a "poor community". The \$55,000.00 surplus in this last year's city budget, possibly matched by an equal amount from GHI, would initiate a program of redevelopment and strengthen Greenbelt's future.

2. GROWTH - A genuine attempt should be made to attract outside industry and residential construction. Again this would increase the tax base in Greenbelt and thus reduce the tax rate. But to do this we must do two things.

a. Decrease our present tax rate in order to attract outside development. This can only be

done by recognizing that we are a "poor community" and cannot afford all services desired by the population. Such a proposal that a city of 8,500 is in need of an assistant city manager is absolutely ridiculous. According to a survey made in 1960 by the Maryland Municipal League, no city in the State under 25,000 population has considered that an Assistant for the City Manager is necessary.

b. Recognize that to attract outside industry we must accept a few minor irritations. We cannot limit local industry to just "basketweavers" and hope to accomplish our goals. Other communities survive these irritations-why not Greenbelt?

To summarize, we in Greenbelt have "had our cake and eaten it" for almost 25 years. This "let's not change one thing" attitude which the News Review sponsors can only lead to deterioration of a fine community.

The Council, the city manager, and GHI must develop a program to obtain these goals. They must recognize that this type program may prove unpopular with many residents who do not plan to live in Greenbelt for many more years. So this leaves the city officials as the only ones who can provide the necessary impetus for this program. Most of all the News Review should provide the necessary backing instead of burying its head in the sand and repeating "We never had it so good".

GEORGE W. NEUMANN  
46 Lakeside Dr.

## Bonnie Elaine Pehl

Bonnie Elaine Pehl, six years old, died on Sunday, September 3, at the National Institute of Health. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Milburn Pehl, and sisters, Wendy and Cynthia.

## JCC Registration

Registration for Sunday and Hebrew School of the Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County is underway. Classes start September 10. Call Rosenzweig, GR. 4-4655.

# The GHI Tangle

Three months have now elapsed since the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. election in May which resulted in the naming of several new members to the board of directors. With the addition of new and more widely divergent views on the board, there has been much speculation as to how effectively and efficiently the new board and management would operate as a team.

It can hardly be said that board and management got off to an auspicious start with the first major issue confronting it -- the opening of a sales and service office in the commercial center. The board has taken three different positions on this matter within almost that many months and has presented an image to the public of indecision and confusion. All parties have made their contributions to this undesirable situation.

Some of the members of the board, led by Harry Zubkoff, in suggesting a reappraisal of the decision to sublease space from Twin Pines, made the proposal in such sweeping terms that the impression was created that they were challenging the integrity of the old board and management. On the other hand, some of the incumbents of the board and management were so intent upon defending their original decision that they failed to retain a sufficient open mind to appraise the merits of the proposals advanced by the other group.

The result was as might be expected. When the matter came to a vote at the July 13 meeting, the situation was so confused by charges and countercharges that the board violated a cardinal principle of good management -- it failed to get the facts before making a decision. It voted 5-2 to move into the space formerly occupied by High's without first ascertaining precisely what it would cost. (One group had charged there would not be much additional cost; another group charged there would be, but no precise estimates were presented.)

All parties must take responsibility for this lapse -- the board for failing to insist upon a precise cost estimate before making the decision, and management for its lack of vision in not having available cost estimates. (It was not until the August 10 meeting that management came up with the precise cost estimates which finally persuaded the board that the move to High's was not economically feasible).

In addition, management was remiss in not bringing to the board's attention at the July 13 meeting the possibility that the agreement with Twin Pines was of such a nature as to constitute a binding commitment. This bit of information would have been very influential, since it would have raised the spectre that GHI would have to pay dual rent.

It is a hopeful sign that this unfortunate experience has apparently burned its lesson into the minds of board and management. The board at its August 31 meeting decided to get from management full and precise cost estimates before making any further decisions about moving into the center. We suggest that management in preparing these cost estimates consider several alternatives, since various types of arrangements are possible, depending on such factors as how many hours the office will be open, how much space will be utilized, and what personnel will be used.

# Public Meeting on Housing for Elderly

## TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the GHI Advisory Committee on Housing for the Elderly, I should like to invite all residents of Greenbelt to attend the public meeting Wednesday, September 13. An important element in the recommendations the Advisory Committee will make to the GHI Board is the view of the public as we understand it. Comments and questions are invited. To assist with the latter, officials of the Housing and Home Finance Agency will be present.

The decision with respect to constructing housing for the elderly is too important to be decided in an atmosphere of apathy or indifference. The public meeting offers GHI members an opportunity to exercise their responsibility to counsel the Advisory Committee and to become better informed on this matter.

CHARLES F. SCHWAN, JR.,  
CHAIRMAN

# Bishop Sewing Class

Two classes in Bishop method of clothing construction will be offered by the adult education program of Prince George's County at the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church. The registration fee of \$5 per course must be sent by September 11 to the instructor, Mrs. Grace Smith, 4407 Beechwood Road, University Park, Hyattsville.

Tailoring I will be from 9 a.m. to 12 beginning Tuesday September 19. Basic sewing will be from 12:15 to 3:15 p.m., beginning Tuesday, September 19. For further information, call Mrs. Smith, UN. 4-3821.

# Saffer-Rosenzweig

Susan Diane Saffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Saffer of Forest Hills, New York became the wife of Martin Stephen Rosenzweig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rosenzweig, 4-ECrescent, on Sunday, August 27, at a ceremony in the Forest Hills Inn.

The couple, both students, will reside in Bologna, Italy, where they will continue their studies. The bride, a Queens College graduate, will study for her Master's Degree, under a Fulbright Grant at the Bologna Center of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. The groom is an alumnus of John Hopkins and American University.

## NOTICE TO BID

"Sealed proposals, addressed to the City Manager, 111 Centerway, Greenbelt, Maryland, will be received until Monday, September 11, 1961, and opened at 8:00 P.M. the same day, for the smooth-seal surfacing of certain roads in the City of Greenbelt."

9:45 a.m. .... Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. .... Morning Worship

6:30 p.m. .... Training Union  
7:30 p.m. .... Evening Worship

7:30 p.m. Wednesday ..... Midweek Service

## GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Crescent & Greenhill

GR. 4-4040

## Greenbelt Community Church

Hillside and Crescent Roads Kenneth B. Wyatt, Minister

9 a.m. - Junior & Senior High

10 a.m. - Morning Worship & Preaching

## Holy Cross Lutheran Church

22 Ridge Road

Church Services ..... 8:30 and 11 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.

Edward H. Binner, Pastor

## MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

invites you to

CHURCH SCHOOL — — — 9:30 am

WORSHIP SERVICE — — — 11:00 am

Lyle E. Harper, pastor

Nursery provided at Service

GR. 4-7293



# Views of Candidates on Election Issues

## Gerald E. Boisvert

I wish to thank the editorial staff of the Greenbelt News Review for the opportunity to react and comment on their proposed election platform. Needless to say, it is an interesting and very mature set of proposals that pinpoints civic-mindedness which is so much needed today.

It is with reluctance that I personally cannot subscribe to each point but will, in the course of these remarks, try to present my objections and points of view in as concise a manner as possible. Please remember that these comments are personal opinions and do not reflect the manner in which I will vote as a member of the City Council inasmuch as my actions on the Council will be dictated by the citizens and the welfare of Greenbelt.

1. I subscribe fully with the suggestion that a continued vigorous landscaping and conservation program be maintained, not only for the sake of beautifying our city, more important, for the preservation of our local natural resources.

2. The present level of our recreation program should be retained; however, I am definitely opposed to a summer program of supervised care for pre-school children. The formative years of a child's life are the responsibility of parents - not an agent for the state, which a municipal government certainly is. I believe that the local and state governments have assumed more than their share of undertaking the care and education of children, and in many instances, relieving the parents of some responsibilities they should have retained. It was recently reported by the Senate Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee that "parents are losing much of their former control over children." I believe that a proposal for the maintenance of programs for pre-school children would serve no good purpose except to relieve parents of further responsibilities. It is felt that the first six years of a child's life place upon the shoulders of the parents the primary work of teacher. This obligation should not be transferred to the state under any guise.

3. Full-time police department with a 24-hour switchboard appears to be an essential need. However, I feel that there should be as much patrolling by foot, if not more, as there is by cruiser. With the large youth population in our city, there is need for our youngsters to experience familiarity with the local patrolman. I would even suggest that the relationship between the police force and the youth Center activities and participants be intensified. The impersonal aspects of youth-policeman should be minimized and the personal relationships improved.

4. I am in favor of discounting the present subsidized bus service to Route 1. I fail to reconcile the thought that such a service be maintained by the City of Greenbelt to encourage a small number of individuals, who are mostly non-citizens of our city, to earn and take out of the city monies that could more productively be earned and expended within the city.

The money expended by the City to maintain this service is not warranted in light of the small number of individuals making use of public transportation. Employers or employees could form car-pools that would directly benefit them and thus not place a burden on the hundreds of taxpayers who indirectly are forced to pay, in part, their transportation.

I feel that the city should keep the bus in best condition making it available on a self-sustaining basis to groups or to be used by the city to transport youth groups, Golden Age members, etc., to various destinations.

## AN ELECTION PLATFORM

This is the election platform proposed by the News Review which is being commented on by the candidates for the city council in this issue.

### City Services

1. Continued execution of a vigorous landscaping and conservation program aimed at restoring Greenbelt's ballfields, playgrounds, and green areas, with special emphasis on the employment of such additional public works personnel as is needed to maintain and to take proper care of the areas already "renovated."

2. Retention of the recreation program at its present level, with such expansion as the need develops -- for example, to include a summer program of supervised care for pre-school children.

3. Maintenance of a full-time local police department, staffed so as to provide services at all hours, including a 24-hour switchboard.

4. Maintenance of present bus service to Route 1 and its subsidization, if needed, as long as no other public transportation is available.

### Capital Improvements

5. Adoption of an annual capital improvements budget, to be financed by a special tax or by application of certain sums from surplus funds. The Advisory Planning Board could be assigned the task of recommending each year which capital improvement items should be given priority.

### City Employees

6. Adoption of a general pay increase for all city employees, commensurate with the rate of increases provided by other municipal, private, and Federal agencies for employees doing similar types of work.

7. As a fringe benefit for public works and garbage disposal personnel, provision by the city of free uniforms and laundering, as recommended by the city manager in his last budget message.

### City Operations

8. Creation of a full-time assistant manager whose task would be to help the city manager in expediting the execution of city council directives and in scheduling and planning city administrative activities.

### Surplus

9. Distribution of the surplus in the FOLLOWING ORDER OF PRIORITY: (a) for a city employees pay increase; (b) for a capital improvements program for this fiscal year; and (c) for a tax cut, if legal.

## Bruce Bowman

I will support the platform as published in the News-Review with these modifications and amplifications:

1) A stepped-up program of landscaping, conservation, and maintenance with special emphasis on beautification, rehabilitation, and development of city-owned property in the commercial center. With the help of the Planning Board, the city should assume the leadership in a co-operative civic and business effort to improve the aesthetic and commercial appeal of the Center.

2) Retention of present recreation services and expansion when there is demonstrated need and public support.

3) Continuance of full-time police department and 24-hour switchboard.

4) Maintenance of present bus service with constant effort to reduce expenses.

5) Support of a 5-year capital improvements program to be supported from income - beginning now.

6) A cost-of-living pay adjustment for city employees with the approval of our Personnel Board.

7) As soon as the city can afford it I think uniforms should be provided for city employees - with maintenance and laundry supplied from operating funds.

8) A professional assistant, combining administrative and engineering skills, has long been recognized as necessary.

5. I believe that the adoption of an annual capital improvement budget financed by a special tax and backed by the argument that "forward-looking city governments" are doing it and that future generations will thus pay their fair share is not valid. To mortgage the future is a serious consideration. It seems to me that the generation that initiates a project should pay for it and not pass on future payments to others who in their own day will have projects of primary importance. Somewhere along the line, if each generation initiates a project on time-apayments there will have to be a generation who will have special taxes to pay for projects that preceded them and that will follow with

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## Thomas J. Canning

I am deeply grateful for this opportunity to express my views concerning the 9 specific proposals presented by the NEWS REVIEW to the candidates for election to the City Council.

My views on the proposals, numbered in the order presented, are as follows:

1. I have in the past supported the landscaping and conservation program as proposed and will continue to do so in areas where needed.

2. I favor the maintenance of the recreation program at its present level and its expansion where justified to meet serious public demand and need. However, I feel that there is a limit beyond which the City should not go in providing recreational programs for pre-school children. I do not believe that City funds should be expended for programs that would amount to nothing more than baby-sitting activities nor do I believe that the City should assume the risks and the legal responsibility involved in the conduct of such activities.

3. I was wholly in accord with efforts of the present City Council when it increased police protection to its present state and re-established the twenty four hour switchboard service. As the community develops, additional police protection will be required and I shall support expansion of the Police Department as the need becomes apparent.

4. We owe it to our fellow citizens who have no other means of transportation to continue the municipal bus service to U.S.1. Constant vigilance of the bus operation should be maintained with a view to adjusting schedules in order to keep the degree of subsidization to a minimum.

5. I have long advocated a capital improvement program and the establishment of a capital improvement budget to cover the cost of this program. I believe the most equitable way to finance this program is by long term loans to be paid off over the life of the improvements. This method will assure that all future residents who will benefit from the improvements will also share, to some extent, the costs involved. The payment within a short per-

iod of time of costs of improvements having a long period of use is not fair to the present taxpayers who would be paying a bill which should properly be shared by future residents who derive the benefits of the improvements. I would not object however, to the diversion of small amounts of surplus funds to cover the costs of such improvements in emergency situations where other funds are not available.

6. As a member of the present City Council, I recognize the necessity of providing for a general pay raise to the employees of the City. I am fully in accord with action already initiated by the present City Council to provide for such an increase.

7. The proposal to provide our Public Works personnel with uniforms to be laundered at the expense of the City was presented to the City Council during its recent consideration of the annual budget. I opposed it then and I oppose it now on the ground that it involves an unnecessary expense. Those who advocate this proposal contend that it would serve to boost the morale of the employees, particularly the waste collectors. Considering the low pay scale of these employees, it is my contention that if all we are trying to do is boost morale, there is no more effective way of accomplishing it than by granting them a pay raise.

8. Those of us who have been closely associated with the City Manager during recent years are aware of the long hours he devotes to City business, even after the close of the regular work day. There is rarely a night that he is not in attendance at a meeting involving the problems of the City. In addition to the regular, special and executive meetings of the City Council, he serves on the Planning Advisory Board, the Joint Council -G.H.I. Committee, and is very frequently called upon by other committees and groups to sit with them in an advisory capacity. I think the area where the Manager is most in need of assistance is pending and future development. This would require the services of a person with an engineering background. I would think that such a person on a part-time basis would suffice to provide ample assistance to the Manager. At any rate, before providing a full time assistant to the Manager the City Council should explore the possibilities of a recent proposal by the Maryland Municipal League. Under this proposal municipalities could obtain administrative assistance through the University of Maryland by use of advanced students of public administration who, as a part of their training, would perform administrative services, as interns. This would be without cost to the City, would be of value to the University and would provide deserving students with excellent practical experience. Furthermore, I believe the City Council, through the newly appointed Personnel Board, should conduct a study of the duties of the various department heads to determine whether they could provide some additional assistance to the Manager.

9. Shortly after the close of the 1960-1961 fiscal year on June 30, 1961, the fiscal records of the City revealed a balance of approximately \$36,000 in the surplus account. The City Council promptly explored the possibility of providing the taxpayers some relief from the recently imposed tax increase. The City Solicitor has ruled that any adjustment of the tax rate would be illegal. I believe that the taxpayers of this community should have top priority in the distribution of surplus funds of the City. Since it is legally impossible to adjust the current

tax rate downward I believe that surplus funds in an amount representing the income that will be realized by reason of the tax increase (approximately \$17,000) should be earmarked for inclusion in the revenue side of the next annual budget for the benefit of the taxpayers. I would allocate approximately \$5000 of the surplus fund for a general pay raise to all regular employees of the City. This amount together with funds now available in the Miscellaneous account would provide ample funds for an adequate pay raise. As an impetus for the initiation of a capital improvement program I would favor the allocation of approximately \$5,000 for badly needed improvements that could be accomplished for this amount. The balance of surplus funds should be retained as a cushion for unforeseen contingencies and if unexpended at the end of the fiscal year should be included in the budget for the benefit of the taxpayers.

## David Champion

After having served the past two years as an employee of the electorate, and therefore being acutely aware of that which sometimes is not evident on the surface, I feel that a broad qualifying statement dealing with city services is in order.

The present council has laid much of the ground work for the improvements of which you speak, but in its rush to accomplish a better and more far reaching program for the citizens, it has had to postpone time and time again many of the so called "household chores" which accompany any and all progressive programs.

The new council to be elected will have its own ideas on how best to run the city government but it is apparent that some of their first hours could well be spent in overhauling and streamlining the organizational set-up of the city. If tailored to specific needs the results should be a savings in time, efficiency, proper use of people, speed of action---benefits upon which no dollar value can be set.

It may not be easy to deal in "mechanics" when sitting in a policy making position but the importance of getting desired results surely may warrant it. Once we are geared to practical possibilities, getting results will be far easier and less confusing to all concerned. Planned programs will always be more lasting, just as planned communities will survive the unplanned.

### City Services

1. Landscaping of areas completely eroded can best be handled by an annual appropriation from a capital improvements budget. Herein lies continuity. Conservation programs can best be attained if planned as indicated previously. Further a possible separation of the recreational fields and playgrounds from other green areas with personnel assigned to the recreation department during the early summer and late fall along with a voluntary help program organized by the department head may prove more desirable from a work load standpoint to meet the needs of this major activity.

2. Yes to the question and in addition an assist to those voluntary programs which derive very little funds from the city.

3. We need 24 hour coverage by our OWN police force. This should not ever again be allowed to become a penny-wise, pound-foolish program. More specifically though, recognition is long overdue for a complete overhaul within this department as it pertains to individual recognition of

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them. No - I believe that capital improvements should be on a pay-as-you-go basis - it should be remembered that cumulative taxation can destroy the electorate initiative.

As much as I abhor time-payments - the concession I would make would be a deadline of five years on any item with the exception of facilities such as Youth Center and Municipal Building - in my estimation these should be paid for within ten years.

6. Adoption of a general pay increase for all city employees should be of primary importance and this should be acted upon before any other matter before the City Council, however, as a private citizen, I would not like to see a pay increase strictly acrossboard. I have in mind the waste collection - a service that has not improved with time insofar as sloppiness is concerned, and which I doubt would improve with an increase in pay. The individuals in the pay of the city would have to prove that they are doing fair work for fair pay.

I would like to raise the question as to whether it would not be cheaper in the long run for the city to discontinue waste collection and contract this work out to a private firm?

8. I am against creating a full-time assistant city manager. I do not believe that the size nor the business of the city requires such an addition to the city staff. If such additional services are needed, I would suggest that the stipend for the mayor-elect be raised to \$4,000 per year with the stipulation that he assume the extracurricular work of mayor-assistant manager on a part-time basis. If the individual cannot or is not willing to do this, then he could revert to Council Membership and permit a member of the Council to accept the added burdens.

I would like to suggest that possibly the time has come to study the City Charter and evaluate the role of the City Council. Possibly the position of Mayor should be intensified in power and diminished in honors.

9. I concur with this point. I would make no changes.

Please know that I have many other thoughts concerning the why's of my opinions and of this platform which, due to consideration of space, cannot be expressed at this time - yet - would be more than happy to expound at anyone's leisure. My most sincere offer to citizens as a councilman is an inquiring mind and the will to attempt to reach beneficial and logical solutions.

### CHAMPION

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ability and service to the community. At present there is no written chain of command in the absence of the city manager and chief of police. Badly needed is a promotional system based on qualifications and experience to eliminate the present program of "once a private always a private." We cannot retain our present quality of men if we do not soon recognize this basic need for retaining through promotion deserving officers. To this end the recently created personnel board will be of an immense value to the next council.

4. Yes, but continue to make every effort to interest a rapid transit company to service Greenbelt either via the Parkway or Route 1.

5. The Advisory Planning Board is the proper group to recommend capital improvement projects and related expenditures. The program for Greenbelt must be based on the current and anticipated needs of the community. This

requires long-range community planning. The initial capital budget therefore should include anticipated expenditures covering a four to six year period listed in order of priority. Considerable study in detail should be given the first two years of any such program with the remaining years being flexible in nature. One additional year of programming should be added as each year is completed in order to maintain a continuous program.

The cost of proposed facilities and services must be related to the financial resources of the city. This requires long-range financial planning which will not unduly burden the tax rate in any one year. It is only when we take an extended holiday on all capital improvements, as we have done, that we create demands which may be somewhat imposing. Through long-range financial planning starting today, we can catch upon some of the more badly-needed improvements before new demands are brought to bear by an expanding Greenbelt. A far-sighted program now will increase possibilities for participation in State and Federal aid through advance planning.

6. This question will become mute in light of the anticipated action by this Council at its next regular meeting September 11. An increase equal to a 6% raise is being considered for passage. I would like to point out that although you have termed this a pay raise--a more correct terminology might be that it is a cost of living adjustment.

7. The manager's recommendation called for half payment for the cost of uniforms to be purchased. A far better method might be full payment for rental and cleaning of uniforms, in that many of our lower paid men may now be purchasing work clothes at a far cheaper rate than anything the city might require them to purchase, thus reducing their net take-home pay. In any case, a whole new look based on cost is in order.

8. The city manager can adequately handle present needs if we as a city could provide him with some form of technical assistance. But before advocating the hiring of a newly graduated inexperienced engineer for a sum of approximately \$6000 or someone with a few years experience for \$8000 or \$9000 let us take a true look at what the city really needs.

In planning for the future one only needs to look toward the letting of the contract for the new municipal building which undoubtedly will take place this month. In construction of both the youth center and new firehouse, the city was fortunate in having at its disposal building committees to keep a watchful eye over all phases of construction. This will not be the case in construction of the new municipal building and if the manager must oversee the construction of this building as thoroughly as the volunteer committees did in the other two, it is a foregone conclusion that other city matters will have to take a back seat for a period of one year. With the fast moving developments in regard to the undeveloped land and the numerous requests for zoning the city can ill-afford to allow this to happen.

One possibility discussed on occasion by the council has been that of securing engineering services on a consolidated basis with other municipalities in the area. For years Greenbelt along with cities like Takoma Park, Hyattsville, College Park,

Cheverly and so on down the line have supported various private individual engineering firms when their services were needed. Some of these communities have already expressed a desire to join forces with Greenbelt in hiring a first rate city engineer and to utilize his ability for the host of small problems which small municipalities encounter but which do not warrant the employment of a full time engineer by any single municipality. Therefore for continuity of government, full utilization of all facilities, and for protection in emergencies, I strongly advocate the retention of a full time city engineer whose salary would be paid for by a formula to be agreed upon by all participating parties.

If we were organized in such a manner as mentioned above we could relieve a large portion of technical duties imposed on the city manager today. Not only could we afford and enjoy the services of a top rate engineer without paying for the full cost of his services, but we would have within our midst a future city engineer when growth warrants one.

9. Surplus

a. The NEWS REVIEW speaks in terms of a \$12,000 pay increase. The cost of my answer to number 6 above is estimated at \$10,350.

b. You recommend using \$7500 of the present surplus for financing the first year's capital improvements. The present council is on record (unanimously) as of their last regular meeting to appropriate a minimum of \$6000 toward capital improvements in this fiscal year.

c. You suggest something for a tax cut, if legal. To quote our city attorney from his written opinion "... since the time for making such levy has passed, it is my opinion that the Council has no power to change the rate either upward or downward ..."

Such funds as are left after any needed appropriations from surplus will go a long way toward offsetting any increased costs resulting from the operation of the new municipal building upon its completion next summer. Thus what proved to be an extraordinary large surplus may go a long ways in absorbing increased costs due to wage increases, capital improvements and operation of city owned buildings at the passage of the next budget.

### Harvey Geller

I want to thank the News Review for this opportunity to comment on its platform. Before taking up the individual items listed, I would like to present a facet of my own platform which was not brought up specifically by the News Review.

Greenbelt is on the threshold of a building and population explosion. Beltway Plaza has been started, the first section of the Perkins tract apartments is on the drawing boards, and other developers are completing plans for buildings in our city. If we want Greenbelt to retain its unique quality and to remain a wonderful community in which we want to live and bring up our children, action must be taken NOW. We must set up broad, long-range goals, detailing what we want this community to be like, and the types of services it should provide. We must develop methods to reach these goals and must evaluate our progress periodically. These are all absolutely necessary if our expansion is to take place in an orderly manner without any dis-

ruption in our services. They are also essential for intelligent decisions by council. This is one program that I feel very strongly about and would work to bring about if elected.

The following are my answers to the specific questions raised by the News Review:

1. The vigor of community spirit, or pride in a community, by its residents, is correlated with the physical appearance of the area. Which is cause, and which is effect I don't know, and it is really immaterial. I feel continued execution of a vigorous landscaping, conservation, and maintenance program is essential, and I support this plank.

2. Greenbelt's outstanding recreation program was one of the key factors that induced me to move into this community. I feel this program should be maintained at least at its present level. Monies spent on this program contribute to the beneficial development of our future citizens -- surely any nation's most precious asset. It also has some bearing on expenditure of tax monies for police and penal services.

The recreational program should be dynamic to meet the needs and desires of the community. This may mean a future change in emphasis or possible expansion. The recreation department should also be the focal point in developing self supporting activities.

3. I am adamant in my support of this plank in the platform. Having moved here from another area in Prince George's County that depended on the County Police for law maintenance and enforcement, I know that it can be tragically inadequate. After several incidents involving young children, no parents in that area allowed their children out after dark unescorted. In Greenbelt however, I have no fears about my children's safety. In addition, I now have peace of mind when my work requires me to travel overnight. I know the local police can respond to a call with very little delay. I feel that 24 hour switchboard service is indispensable.

4. Efforts should be made once more, in light of the opening of the Goddard Space Flight Center, to get one of the bus companies to run a route through Greenbelt. Until this occurs, I would support maintenance of the present bus service to Route 1, even if it has to be partially subsidized. The town has a moral obligation to provide this means of transportation for those who reside or work in Greenbelt, and have no other means of getting in or out of town. A study should be undertaken to determine the most efficient scheduling, and thereby lower costs.

Since there are many capital improvement items that are urgently needed now, prompt action on long term financing should be undertaken so that work can be started as soon as possible. This can be done almost immediately, since the first payment for these obligations would not be due until next fiscal year at which time they could be included in the budget.

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### Benjamin Goldfaden

1. I am in favor of maintaining and beautifying our city parks and playgrounds and also keeping our center clean. If necessary we should hire enough manpower to do the job right. I also feel that the Recreation Department should have one maintenance man to do all their work at least 9 months of each year.

2. I am certainly in favor of retention of the Recreation Department. I have spent the major part of my employed life in the field of Recreation. I was a former Recreation director of Greenbelt, and feel I know some of their problems. In 1959 as a member of Council, I worked on the question of selling the old school building and using that money to build our own Youth Building. I think this was a good program and it is a success. I think at the present time the

Recreation Department should be working on more constructive programs for the age group between 13-19, and maybe later consider the pre-school group.

3. I have always been in favor of 24 hour police service, and if elected would continue to vote that way in the future. As far as the 24 hour service on the switch board, I would go along with the recommendations of the Manager and Chief of Police.

4. I believe we must provide some bus service to our people. I also think that as the new shopping center near the Junior High School is developed we will be able to support the bus, and make it a paying program.

5. I would be in favor of a capital improvement budget, if it were financed by a special fund over a 5 or 10 year period. Most of the projects financed by such a fund should be put on a paying basis wherever possible. As an example, the tennis courts could be resurfaced and then a family pass be worked out and charges for playing (reasonable) be made to bring some of this money back for further development.

6. In 1959 a reclassification was worked out for the employees. I helped to work it out and voted to grant all the employees a raise. If the personnel committee thinks, after studying the question and checking other areas near Greenbelt, that our salaries are not in line with others, I would be in favor of making the necessary improvements and increases.

7. If elected I will vote to supply uniforms to the public works employees.

8. At the present time I am not in favor of hiring an assistant manager. I think that as the city develops it may be necessary in the future.

9. The surplus could be used in many ways. I certainly would have to look into many areas to find the best use of the money. If our personnel committee says our employees are underpaid, we should raise their salaries. It is also possible to put some of this money into a Capital Improvement Budget and borrow the rest, and finally we would have to look into the question of whether we could legally do anything about reducing the tax rate.

### Bill Phillips

Mayor Kistler has very well summed up my platform: "Greenbelt is still in a transitional stage and councilmen must devote a great deal of extracurricular time in dealing with its problems."

I would delete one word, EXTRA-CURRICULAR. The council must devote its total experience and energy to each problem until each problem is solved. And problems will multiply because the area is growing rapidly. If Greenbelt faces each problem squarely and plans carefully for the future, Greenbelt will grow. If not, Greenbelt will degenerate.

I propose, further, that the council think, communicate, and cooperate with every citizen, religious and civic organization, and government having jurisdiction over our area. For our problems are mutual - and our efforts should be mutual.

With the above philosophy I comment on the NEWS REVIEW platform.

1. An immediate effort should be made to restore or change all run-down areas and equipment. Waste is the concern of all.

2. Public, cooperative, and commercial recreational organizations should be encouraged to expand but they should be supported primarily by their users. A "family-plan" subscription for recreation facilities together with a long-term note on the debt could reduce real estate taxes by more than sixty cents.

3. The council should study the problem of crime protection carefully. It's necessary but expensive.

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### **PHILLIPS**

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4. Public transportation is essential to every community. Revenue might be increased by "shoppers specials" and hauling mail and newspapers.

5., 6., 7., 8., 9. Capital improvements, wages, current expenses, and taxes should be part of an orderly plan. Annual surpluses should be part of a healthy budget. A check on new construction and new residents by the council would facilitate estimates of increased revenue from real estate taxes and income taxes. City wage schedules should be drawn up justly and quickly. Laundered uniforms would be unnecessary and discriminatory.

The city manager has a heavy work-load. But much of it should be carried by the council and much of it could be reduced by employing modern computers in the city office.

### **GELLER**

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5. When the capital improvement items were first taken out of the budget, the present council indicated that a method of long term financing would be developed so that the cost could be amortized over an extended period of time. No such method has been evolved as yet, and we have had no capital improvements to speak of. The supporting statement of the News Review on this plank suggests action along lines originally advocated by Council. However, the actual plank ignores this by advocating an annual budget and the setting up of yearly priorities. This I cannot go along with, and would substitute the following plank instead:

A long term capital improvement program to be developed and priorities assigned to the projects. This to be accomplished by the Council working in co-operation with the Advisory Planning Board. Financing of as much of this program as is practical would be through capital improvement bonds or a long term loan from a financial institution. The maximum amount that could be borrowed would be specified.

Payment of these obligations would be part of the ordinary operating expenses of the city, and would be one of the items that determines the tax rate. I would not favor trying to finance these improvements from surplus funds as these funds vary from year to year. In addition I feel that surplus funds are savings that accrue to the taxpayers and should be returned to them in the form of a tax reduction the following year.

6. I believe that the city has a moral obligation to maintain the real wages of its employees and therefore would advocate an immediate cost of living increase so as to bring their purchasing power up to what it was at the last increases.

7. I agree with this plank.

8. There is no question that the duties of the city manager have increased. I am not sure, however, that a full time assistant manager at the present time is feasible. A well qualified assistant manager would bring the administrative costs out of line for a town of our size. A possible alternative might be a specialist who could be shared with one of more nearby municipalities. There is need for a well qualified civil engineer to carry out such tasks as finalizing plans for the municipal building, and supervising its construction, to carry out capital improvements, etc.

9. As I stated under number 5. in the platform, I am against using surplus funds for operations not budgeted. The use of these funds is avoiding the responsibility of defending the budget before the people. It could also lead to abuse in that overestimation of expenditures and underestimation of income would become routine in order to obtain funds for operations one is reluctant to put in

the budget.

However, in the case of a city employee pay increase, this year, I believe an exception should be made because it is overdue, and was not included in the present budget.

### **Francis W. White**

I was asked to comment on the Election Platform as published in the Greenbelt News Review, August 24th edition. The opportunity to do so is greatly appreciated.

- City Services -

I am sure that many of the citizens of this City were attracted to Greenbelt because of the services provided. I do not advocate a deletion of any of these services. It is well to note, however, that the year by year changes in City needs requires continued appraisal of each service in an effort to fully analyze such increases or decreases in the overall scope of the particular service.

1. It is necessary that continued interest be given to the restoration of the City's ballfields and playgrounds. At the same time, it is also apparent that such checks and controls, as are required, should be incorporated into the utilization of these areas in order to insure economies in maintenance. If it is necessary that additional Public Works personnel be added to insure this end, then this should be done. First though, consideration should be given to the potential of a community "self help program" similar to the very effective "Clean Up Week" campaigns held in the past.

Additionally, in the area of community face-lifting, I feel that serious consideration should be given to the creation of a "holding station" for refuse. I propose that this station be located a short distance back on the road entering the dump area. This holding station would permit citizens to discard large objects, old tables, chairs, etc., that at the present time often stand on our city streets awaiting pick-up and presenting an unsightly appearance in our city.

2. I favor the retention of the Recreation Program at the present level. I am not in favor of duplicate programs competing for a participant's time, nor am I in favor of the creation of new programs that are NOT aimed at achieving the proper balance of recreation for the many age groups. The recreation scene is at the present time being surveyed by the Recreation Advisory Committee and their report should be of considerable guidance and interest to the City's Planners. It should be noted here that this Committee advocates recreation on a "self-sustaining" basis, or as close to it as is possible in order to effect a wise expenditure of the tax dollar.

A summer program for pre-school children should be considered. I would, however, not wish to view this program as "supervised care" for this age group, but would expect that such a program would be of an instructional nature, both for the children and for the 12 to 16 year old girls who might be employed as summer playground assistants. This could be near to a "self-sustaining" program by affixing a registration fee.

3. I feel that the Police service rendered to the citizens of Greenbelt should continue to provide a 24-hour coverage as it does at present. Any action to delete the 12:00 to 8:00 A.M. service should be avoided. The mere knowledge that an officer is on duty is itself a deterrent to crime. The security that citizens have in knowing that immediate response can be given in emergencies, which do occur, certainly justifies the cost of providing this service. Finally, I would point out that the County Police, with few officers on duty during these hours, cannot always give immediate service since they

patrol the entire county.

4. The present bus service must be maintained. It is apparent that certain subsidization is required for this service. However, it should be noted that the growth of NASA, the Beltway Plaza, the proposed apartments, all point toward the possibility of the extension of present public utility lines into which Greenbelt's bus service can in the future connect.

- Capital Improvements -

I am in complete agreement with the principle of long term financing of major capital improvements which assures that both future and present taxpayers share in the cost of these improvements.

The rapid changes in suburban interests and needs would present to any City a host of changes of a Capital Improvements nature, and I am sure all of these are items which any city would be delighted to immediately effect. However, this is seldom possible. Thus, then to approach this goal, it is necessary to undertake these improvements as funds accrue and on a priority basis. The existence of the Planning Advisory Board, staffed with citizens having considerable experience in this field, is a valuable tool available to the City's Planners. Their recommendation, as approved by Council, should be charted ahead, thus establishing a planned improvement program. With proper study and evaluation, the necessary economies can be achieved and this study will serve to assure that these improvements are completed orderly, properly and completely.

5. I favor the adoption of a revolving fund created out of year-end budget surpluses - the dollar limits and administration of this fund to be set by Council. This would enable the City Planners to accomplish future improvements in accordance with the approved recommendations of the Advisory Planning Board. Cost of these improvements to be met in either of two ways:

a. Minor improvements out of the revolving fund.

6. Major improvements by Bond Issue.

- City Employees -

6. The present City Council has appointed a Personnel Board to make a study of employment practices, work conditions, wage scale, etc., in our community. I have looked into this Board and find that the citizens appointed to this Committee are well qualified in the field of personnel practices and related problems and are thus well qualified to make such a study. Further, I expect that this study will reflect the relative importance, responsibilities, training and difficulties for each of our City's workers. In addition, this study should reflect the rate of turnover, comparison of present pay scales to other neighboring municipalities and with the rest of the State, and any difficulties in filling existing positions. I do not feel the municipal salaries should be comparable to federal pay scales necessarily, nor do I feel that the scales should be kept so low as to discourage career employees or permit only the hiring of unqualified personnel.

Any recommendations for a pay increase or adjustment may well be made AFTER a review of the Personnel Board's study. Exception to this, of course, should be the early adjustment of those jobs where obvious inequities now exist.

7. I am in favor of providing a contributing program for uniforms and laundering services for the Public Works and garbage disposal personnel. I feel it would be most important to have this item reviewed by the Personnel Board.

- City Operations -

8. It is well for every Council to analytically review and assess the workload of the City Manager. Most City Managers encounter periods of sudden expansion or construction of numerous new facilities when the workload increases. In order to avoid a situation whereby only the "squeaky

wheel is greased", internal adjustments within the Administration of the City's Services must be made. This is a period when Council must clearly direct the City Manager to insure that the City's Administration runs smoothly. I feel that a thorough review of the Manager's workload would divulge any areas of needed assistance or guidance. I might point out here that past experiences with new subdivisions have indicated a need for professional advice, particularly in the area of the review of storm and surface drainage plans and specifications. Many neighboring municipalities have solved their problem by engaging the services of professional engineering consultants to insure that developers of new subdivisions will provide the necessary and proper facilities.

9. Suddenly faced with a surplus of substantial size seems to immediately open up many possibilities. I would be quick to point out that the new Municipal Building will create additional demands on the city budget in the

areas of furnishing, maintenance, custodial and utility costs. I therefore feel that until these additional costs can be accounted for, there should be no immediate attempt to earmark these funds. I urge that this surplus be placed in escrow until the new Council has had an opportunity to study the recommended needs for items (a) pay raise, and item (b) Capital Improvements, and which costs appropriate to the new Municipal Building. Then the remaining funds, and there should be ample excess, be directed in a legal manner to lower the tax rate.

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Proposals for the following coverages are solicited:

1. Group life insurance coverage which would provide for payment of monthly charges for 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, or 5-year periods. The one period finally selected would apply in all cases. Proposals will be considered which contain one rate for the entire group or an individual rate for each person covered.

2. Group life insurance coverage in amounts to \$10,000.00, as decided upon by the insured.

3. Reducing term life insurance in initial amounts up to \$10,000.00 and running to 1977.

The group comprises approximately 1,500 members of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., housing cooperative, Greenbelt, Md.

Insurance agents and brokers interested in submitting proposals may obtain additional information and proposed forms by contacting the Comptroller's office, Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Hamilton Place, Greenbelt, Maryland, GR. 4-6601.



## Rec Review

### SWIMMING POOL

All residents who have family tags for the swimming pool are requested to leave them, as soon as possible, either at the Youth Center or Police Station.

### YOUTH CENTER

Starting this week, the regular teen club program will resume at the Youth Center on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights. Wednesday will be roller skating for all junior and senior members. The Friday night program will be senior roller skating and junior dancing and games. The Saturday night program will be junior roller skating and senior dancing.

### MARK WHITE WINS DIAPER DERBY

We had thirteen entries for the second annual baby crawling contest. Mark White, 10-1/2 months old, was the winner and received the engraved drinking cup. Second place winner was Steven Culver who received an engraved spoon. Third place winner was Christine Marie Bradley who received a stuffed doll. All other contestants received lollypops.

### ROAD RACE WON BY GYGAX

John Gygax an import from Ireland, now living in Washington, won the 9 mile race last Sunday in the good time of 50:12. Second place went to Moses Mayfield, a 16 year old school boy from Philadelphia. In third place was Browning Ross, two time winner of the race and course record holder. Other finishers in the top ten were: Fourth place - Leon Dreher, fifth place - Charles P. Cooke, III, sixth place - John Shaw, seventh place - Dennis Kelly, eighth place - Lewis Smith, ninth place - Henry Schaffer and tenth place - Jim Ferris. The only local runner to compete, Joseph O'Loughlin, finished in 15th place out of the 29 finishers. In 18th place was Ron Laird, the best U.S. Olympic Walker. Laird walked the course in 74:48.

John Horn of Washington was the winner in the junior 2-1/4 mile race which was a new event this year and part of the local Bunion Derby. Jason Page of Greenbelt finished in 6th place and Joe Remar of Greenbelt finished 12th.

### Festival Scenes!



ABOVE--The Ben-Joe Pizza float, one of the several colorful floats in the Labor Day parade, featured a giant pizza which looked good enough to eat, which wasn't surprising since it was a real pizza.

BELOW --A team from the Greenbelt Rescue Squad took first prize in the first aid contest held as part of the annual Festival. Receiving the trophy are E. J. Swisher, D. Munro, W. Hopkins, and J. Bordas. Photographs taken by SEYMOUR KAPLAN.

### Fran and Jim Bates Win Bridge Honors

Fran and Jim Bates, 16 Woodland Way, unmistakably showed their heels to the rest of the Greenbelt bridge fraternity at last week's First Annual Festival Bridge Tournament. Emerging victorious in each of the two sessions, they amassed a total of 149 1/2 points to earn the title of 1961 open pair champions of Greenbelt. Their nearest rivals, Glenn Stahly of Glen Dale and Bob Smith, 15 Lakeside Dr., trailed by 18 1/2 points.

The winners and runners-up will be awarded trophies donated by Greenbelt Ten Pin Lanes, at the next regular duplicate game of the Greenbelt Bridge Club, tomorrow, Friday, September 8. Starting time is 8:30 p.m. at the Co-op Hospitality Room above High's.

The scores of those finishing average (120) or above follows: Fran & Jim Bates 149 1/2

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### County Fair

The Prince Georges County Fair will be open Friday, September 8, Saturday, September 9, and Sunday, September 10. Greenbelt's 4-H Groups will be displaying projects at the fair grounds in Upper Marlboro and invite everyone to attend.

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Congratulations to Rose Amberg, 10-D Southway, who was awarded a Master's Degree of Science in Nursing Administration in the Graduate School of the University of Maryland on August 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman A. Taylor, 3-F Laurel Hill, are vacationing in Ocean City, Maryland for two weeks with Mr. Taylor's parents of Salisbury, Maryland. During the vacation, Mr. Taylor will travel to Hartford, Connecticut to attend a meeting of Republican Party Leaders of New England, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. Taylor is the National Committeeman for the Maryland Federation of Young Republicans.

A very happy birthday to Billy and Bobby Falter, 4-B Gardenway, who celebrated their sixth birthday on August 6. Ditto to brother Tommy who was 13 years old on the seventh. Their dad, Dave, is celebrating too - not a birthday - but a victory. He copped the President's Cup in the President's Cup Tournament at the Glendale Course. Congratulations!

Our deepest sympathy to Dotty and Mel Pehl, 56-H Crescent, who lost their daughter, Bonnie.

Essie Fields, 56-D Crescent, and daughter Elaine spent a glorious seven weeks in the Acqua Motel in West Palm Beach as

guests of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice B. Gladstone.

### WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Alderton, Jacob E., 14-Y Hillside Road; Brown, Raymond E., 13-U Ridge Road; Chandra, Sushil, 19-K Hillside Road; Evans, Vernon, 69-K Ridge Road; Fanning, Judith, 5-F Plateau Place; Martin, Ethel E., 7-C Laurel Hill Road; Nielsen, Robert M., 20-H Hillside Road; Phillips, George S., 69-C Ridge Road; Roush, Marvin L., 14-Y Laurel Hill Road; Stockweather, Ronald J., 57-M Ridge Road; Stewart, William I. III, 15-T Laurel Hill Road; Supple, Charles B., 51-B Ridge Road; Thompson, Bertie, 15-S Laurel Hill Road; Zickefoose, Gerald F., 51-K Ridge Road.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Horstman, residents of Greenbelt for many years, are enjoying retirement in Florida. They are living at 106 N.W. Meehan Ave., Port Charlotte, Florida. Incidentally, they are the parents of Eugenia Likens, who recently exhibited her paintings at the Twin Pines office.

Paul J. Manchak of 1-B Westway was one of 20 college instructors from all over the United States, Puerto Rico and Nigeria to have just completed a two-week updating in electronics at Western Michigan University in a workshop conducted by Dr. Glade Wilcox.

## Rosh Hashonah Service

The first evening service of Rosh Hashonah will begin on Sunday, September 10, at 7:15 p.m. in the Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County. On Monday, morning services will start at 8 a.m.; evening services at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday morning services will begin at 8 a.m. Cantor S.J. Pomrenze will officiate.

For information about tickets please call GR. 4-4655 or GR. 4-5651.

## VOTING RULES

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Three of the election officials who will preside at the polls are: Mrs. Marshall Zoellner, book judge; and Evelyn Barcus and Mrs. Marion Moraz, poll watchers. The three other officials, all of whom are appointed by the city councilmen, will be announced later.

## FESTIVAL

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telecast from the Timonium Fair. The queen and her court will also be featured at the annual Dance of the Queens to be held Friday night at 9 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. A film of a previous television appearance of the Festival popularity candidates will be shown prior to the dance at 8:30 p.m.

## Winning Blue-Gill

Alan Levine, representing Greenbelt, was one of four winners of the 2nd Annual Prince George's County Recreation Department's Fishing Contest. He received a fishing trip to Cedarville State Forest Lake on August 25 and was presented with fishing trophies.

The contest, which ran from July 13 through August 14, was opened to boys and girls under 16 years of age who were registered on one of the county Recreation Department's 65 playgrounds. Alan's catch was the largest Blue-Gill - 9 3/8 inches.

## POLICE NEWS

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monned immediately and the driver was rushed to the hospital suffering from head injuries.

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Just chill  
and drink  
2.29 5th or  
2 for 4.49

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Bourbon  
Reg. 5.99 qt.  
Vet's Special  
3.99 qt.

Gin  
Vodka  
Whiskey  
2.99 fifth  
or 3/8.75

Original  
Old Export  
in throw away bot.  
2.99 case or  
3 cases for 8.49

Scotch  
Whiskey  
From  
3.99 and  
up in  
fifths

Penn. Beer  
in throw away bot.  
2.69 per case or  
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# ANNUAL REPORT CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

## STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES IN THE GENERAL FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1961

Revenue		Expenditures	
<b>Taxes, Local - 57.4%</b>		<b>General Government - 20.2%</b>	
Real Property . . . . .	\$ 153,930	Mayor & City Council . . . . .	\$ 3,889
Public Utilities . . . . .	6,323	City Clerk . . . . .	2,622
Business Corporations . . . . .	5,950	Executive - Other . . . . .	26,684
Financial Corporations . . . . .	157	Finance . . . . .	15,064
Penalties & Interest . . . . .	85	Accounting & Auditing . . . . .	1,181
	\$ 166,445	Legal Counsel . . . . .	927
<b>Taxes, State Shared - 13.6%</b>		Office Rental . . . . .	6,223
Admission . . . . .	516	Advertising & Promotion . . . . .	667
Income . . . . .	21,927	Public Officers Association . . . . .	347
Franchise . . . . .	86		\$ 56,604
Race Track . . . . .	6,650	<b>Police - 17.4%</b>	48,827
Gasoline . . . . .	10,129	<b>Streets - 16.9%</b>	
	39,308	Repair & Maintenance . . . . .	38,756
<b>Licenses &amp; Permits - 2.5%</b>		Lighting . . . . .	8,530
Business . . . . .	856		47,286
Peddlers . . . . .	120	<b>Sanitation - 16.4%</b>	
Motor Vehicle . . . . .	5,622	Waste Collection & Disposal . . . . .	38,450
Animal . . . . .	577	Sewers & Sewage Disposal . . . . .	3,021
Bicycle . . . . .	77	Supervision & Other . . . . .	4,511
	7,252		45,982
<b>Fines &amp; Forfeitures - 0.5%</b>	1,335	<b>Health - 0.3%</b>	
<b>Rents &amp; Concessions - 1.0%</b>	2,919	Public Health . . . . .	661
<b>City Services - 25.0%</b>		Mosquito Control . . . . .	295
Waste Collection & Disposal . . . . .	39,739		956
Cleaning Commercial Center . . . . .	1,669	<b>Recreation - 17.8%</b>	
Swimming Pool . . . . .	19,922	Parks . . . . .	17,036
Youth Center . . . . .	1,746	Swimming Pool . . . . .	14,059
Bus . . . . .	9,261	Youth Center . . . . .	5,003
Miscellaneous . . . . .	303	Cultural . . . . .	1,001
	72,640	All Other Recreation . . . . .	12,631
<b>TOTAL - 100.0%</b>	\$ 289,899		49,730
		<b>Bus - 4.6%</b>	12,933
		<b>Miscellaneous - 6.4%</b>	
		Pensions, Contributions, etc. . . . .	15,185
		Workmen's Compensation . . . . .	2,395
		Other . . . . .	379
			17,959
		<b>TOTAL - 100.0%</b>	\$ 280,277

### Balance Sheet as of June 30, 1961

Assets		Liabilities & Fund Balances	
Cash . . . . .	\$ 38,827	Accrued Payroll . . . . .	\$ 3,817
Taxes Receivable . . . . .	44,974	Accounts Payable . . . . .	8,510
Accrued Service Charges . . . . .	10,573	Note Payable . . . . .	3,000
Miscellaneous Receivables . . . . .	3,571	Prepaid Taxes . . . . .	11,264
Investments . . . . .	42,032	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	\$ 26,591
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	\$ 139,977		
		Fund for Replacement . . . . .	\$ 46,134
		Construction Fund . . . . .	13,039
		General Fund . . . . .	75
		Surplus Reserves . . . . .	54,138
		<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	\$113,386
		<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	\$139,977

Note: In accordance with governmental accounting, the parks, playgrounds, streets, storm drains, walks, fire-house, swimming pool, youth center, warehouses, land, supplies and equipment are not included with the above assets. Neither is the city's bonded indebtedness with the liabilities. This totaled \$40,000 on June 30, 1961.

### Changes in Surplus Reserves by Fiscal Year

1953 Increased	\$ 24,585 to \$ 40,685
1954 Decreased	14,589 to 26,096
1955 Increased	1,816 to 27,912
1956 Decreased	9,524 to 18,388
1957 Increased	929 to 19,317
1958 Increased	14,767 to 34,084
1959 Decreased	5,071 to 29,013
1960 Increased	15,903 to 44,916
1961 Increased	9,222 to 54,138

#### CITY COUNCIL

Alan A. Kistler . . . . .	Mayor
Bruce Bowman . . . . .	Councilman
Thomas J. Canning . . . . .	Councilman
David C. Champion . . . . .	Councilman
Edgar L. Smith . . . . .	Councilman

#### CITY ADMINISTRATION

Charles T. McDonald . . . . .	City Manager
Winfield McCamy . . . . .	City Clerk & Purchasing Agent
Mabel L. Kandler . . . . .	City Treasurer & Finance Officer
James H. Williams . . . . .	Chief of Police
Albert S. Attick . . . . .	Superintendent of Public Works
Warren G. Leddick . . . . .	Superintendent of Recreation